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MENDING SPLIT TREES.

Restore Life to a Trunk That Seems Dead.

ing the split limbs together and wind-



holes through the broken and unbroken parts and place in these holes bolts of a size that the size of the limbs may indicate as correct. For a small tree I use one-quarter inch bolts or ordinary one-half inch bolts. In one large butternut tree I used one-inch oolts. I place one bolt midway of the as to strengthen them. Use bolts with small heads, and place a washer under being sticky or greasy.

the nut. In a few years both ends will An undue amount of moisture in be covered with the growing wood and the tree will be stronger than it ever was.-L. B. Rice, in Agricultural Epito-

JUDICIOUS PRUNING.

An Important Matter Which Receives Altogether Too Little Attention from Apple Growers.

It seems to me it might be well to call the attention of your readers to the importance of caring well for the apple trees if we would produce fine So far as my observation extends the trees contain far too much and small; each of these limbs or twigs throw out a certain quantity of new wood each year, according as the conditions are favorable or unfavorable for growing wood. The production of this wood is a constant drain upon the parent stalk. We will suppose that 400 of these limbs are lopped off and if the same energy or vitality is brought to bear on the re-maining 800 limbs the new wood thrown out will reach a much higher state of perfection.

The same rule will apply to fruit. Too many limbs furnish the opportunity for an excessive number of buds, and with favorable conditions you get too many blossoms, with the result of far too many sets; great drain upon it, yields a large number of inferior apples. With ewer limbs you get a smaller number of apples, but at the harvest you realize as many in bulk, and these are merchantable and will command a much higher price in any market in which they are exposed for sale.

Pruning out fruit trees is indeed an important matter, and one that receives too little attention. We will do well to think upon this subject these long winter evenings, and when spring comes put our thoughts into execution, give our trees a genuine surprise party, and in the autumn we shall take pride in calling in our neighbors to witness the bountiful harvest; and when we receive the returns from the consignment of apples, the bill will not be marked No. 2,-Ashley B. Haines, in Country

Cement Floor for a Cellar.

While it is not at all difficult to lay a cement floor it is well to have advice and assistance of a local mason. The main thing is to get a good foundation of broken stones or bricks at least six inches deep. The cement can then be mixed dry with its bulk of coarse, sharp sand, or fine gravel. Add water and mix very thoroughly until it is a soft uniform mortar. Pour over the foundation, tamping down well until it fills all erevices between the stones. In about 24 hours another thinner coat may be smoothly spread over the surface, making everything level. Cover with hay or straw for several days to avoid too rapid drying and cracking. There is nothing better New Yorker.

Recipes for Grafting Wax.

The following recipes have been extensively used and are reliable: Hard wax; resin, four pounds; bees-wax, one pound; half a pint or more of raw linseed oil, free from all cottion price—\$1.00 per year—puts it and remove from the fire. Add gradring until mixture is smooth. Keep in closed bottles and apply with a

> Core for Bott-Shelled Eggs.
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> If soft-shelled eggs appear during the winter, the proper thing to do is to cut down the feed—the morning ed, not the one which is given in the feed, not the one which is given in the afternoon. Soft-shelled eggs are positive proof that the hens are too fat, and the best way to get rid of the fat is to make the hens work it off in the scratching material. For the morning feed not more than one handful of wheat to ten hens should be given, as long as soft-shelled eggs are found in

DAIRY OBSERVATIONS.

the Butter Are Two Dutles That Cannot Be Neglected.

Some time ago a subscriber asked the butter is apt to have a flat taste, how to mend a split maple tree. Plac- and when the acidity has been aling something tightly about it, will likely to appear. I find there are kill the tree in a few years. A long comparatively few butter-makers experience has taught me to treat such who test for acid. Too many of them trees in the following manner: Cut depend upon their sense of sight, away the splinters and block raise the smell and taste to determine when prostrate parts into position. Bore two the proper degree of ripeness where they will know exactly how far ripening should be carried.

ten about working butter. In some instances there has been so much said about overworked butter that makers have gone to the other extreme and do not work enough. Those for whom butter is made desire a condition of the article that is only secured by proper working. Too much of this working is injurious, while too little is defective.

broken part, to bind the pieces closely hesion among the particles of butter, together and one above the juncture enough to cause it to adhere tohesion among the particles of butter, of the limbs-as shown in the cut-so gether in one mass, or, rather, it

butter renders it defective and when butter is taken from the churn more water adheres to the particles of granules than is desirable. This excess is taken out by working, and too little of this leaves too much moisture in the butter, while too much working causes the butter to be too

worked through the butter, wood. Suppose for a moment that mass till the salt is evenly distribut-your trees contain 1,200 limbs, great ed, and all becomes one common

M. Couch, in Ohio Farmer.

DURABLE FEED BOX.

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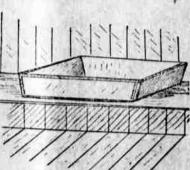
A good deal is being said and writ-

In making good butter there are several conditions dependent on or brought about by working. There should be a certain measure of coshould be waxy and compact without

Where the salt is not thoroughly product will show streaks and mottles when cut. This is a serious defect, and means a lower price for the goods whenever found. This condition can be overcome by working and mingling the lighter parts with the ed, and all becomes one common

The proper working of butter is an important matter and means money to the maker, and it is the maker who gets all these conditions the nearest right who secures the highest score and takes the prizes .- V.

One That Will Last for a Long Time and la Good in the Horse Stable or Dairy Barn.



of clear lumber. Knots are liable to loosen and fall out. It should be constructed with sloping sides shown in cut, so that the animals can reach the food in all the corners and clean them out. Adhering food decays and sours and pollutes the box to the injury of animals. The edges both on top and bottom should be "armored," as shown, so that there is no chance to bite and gnaw the wood. Such a box will last for years and is good in the horse stable or dairy barn.-F. O. Sibley, in Ohio Beef.

Practice Which, After a Single

one stock feeder said both milch cow cracking. There is nothing better and fattening stock should have water than coment for the purpose.—Rural constantly by them in the barn. He usually watered from a tank 12 feet deep and 12 feet in diameter, filled by water from the roof, so arranged that they could have water when they pleased. By an accident to this tank he was obliged for a time to bring water from a spring and watered at regular hours, and while he could not estimate the loss to the fattening catoff one-third in their milk as a result. His neighbor, also a feeder, thought

hundredweight more than the neigh-bor received. We think he did not overestimate the importance of hav-ing the water where they could drink when they wished to do so, and take it little and often, but we think some of the difference is due to the temperfrom a spring or well. The supply from the tank would reidom reach below 80 degrees if it was properly made, while well or spring water is usually below 80 degrees, and if run fato a



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